

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A connector comprising a connector body and a reinforcing member, said connector body comprising an elongated conductive contact, an insulator holding said contact, and a shell surrounding said insulator, said shell having a flange formed with a boss portion for fixing the connector to an object to be fixed, said connector being used for mounting a substrate, said reinforcing member comprising a reinforcing portion provided between said object and the substrate and contacting said flange and an engaging portion engaging said shell,

wherein said shell has three faces surrounded by said engaging portion,

a part of said engaging portion opposite to a release surface being elastically deformed to reduce an inner space so as

to engage the shell or to increase an inner space so as to release the shell, so that said reinforcing member is detachably fitted to said connector body.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A connector comprising a connector body and a reinforcing member, said connector body comprising an elongated conductive contact, an insulator holding said contact, and a shell surrounding said insulator, said shell having a flange formed with a boss portion for fixing the connector to an object to be fixed, said connector being used for mounting a substrate, said reinforcing member comprising a reinforcing portion provided between said object and the substrate and contacting said flange and an engaging portion engaging said shell,

wherein said reinforcing portion includes a hollowed portion which escapes from said boss portion and penetrates in an intersectional direction to a forming direction of the boss portion to be opened on one end of said hollowed portion,

said reinforcing member being detachably fitted to said connector body,

a the substrate receiving a stress generated in fixing said connector to said object, the stress being ~~is~~ received through said reinforcing member.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The connector as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said shell has three faces surrounded by said engaging portion, a part of said engage portion opposite to a release surface being elastically deformed to reduce an inner space so as to engage the shell or to increase an inner space so as to release the shell.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The connector as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said engaging portion includes a pair of engaging projections.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The connector as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said engaging portion includes a pair of engaging projections.